

Breakout Session Sustainable Design and Decision Making

Focus question #1: VISION AND GOALS

Tools

- Types of tools: life cycle planning, converting data to actionable intelligence, unified techno-economic,
- Flexibility for different industries and metrics

Design

- Design for end of life first
- New paradigms for ease of reuse
- End of use management

Data

- Performance metrics to value Sustainable Manufacturing
- Data accessibility, free, background data available

Social/Culture

- Remove economic risk
- All workers understand Sustainable Manufacturing

Programmatic/Guidelines

- Expand Better Plants Program
- Guidelines to value externalities

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Focus question # 2: CHALLENGES & BARRIERS

Tools - Lack of integrated design tools

Design - Design decisions made w/in stovepipes

Processing - Rethink ease of reuse and demanufacturing

Data - Data is competitive and IP restrictions

Supply Chain - Transparency of supply chain data

Incentives/Awareness - Current emphasis is on first cost vs lifecycle

Communication - Disconnect between design and end of life

Workforce/Culture/Social - Externalities at odd with company interest

Guidelines - Need new replicable ecosystem model for industry

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Focus Question #3: R&D NEEDS

- 1) Integration design and decision-making tools for sustainable alternatives, across the lifecycle of the products
- 2) Open access data system
- 3) Data and expert systems for transparent supply chain analysis
- 4) Lifecycle costs, incentives, regulations and workforce development
- 5) Reduction of supply chain risks